

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 14, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the specification. The reference numbers and Figures identified listed in the Office Action were described in related application 10/137,319 (now issued as U.S. Patent 6,691,480) referenced in the specification. The portions of the specification for that application describing the Figures have been added to the specification of the present application, per the Examiner's request. The amendments to the specification do not add new matter or alter the scope of terms used in the claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requests a 3-dimensional drawing corresponding to the 2-dimensional drawings illustrated in Figs. 13A and B. Applicants believes the provided Figures provide sufficient illustration of the claimed subject matter in light of the corrections made herein to the specification, and thus no amendments are made to the specification.

Claim 28 is amended to correct a minor typographical error, The scope of the claims is not altered by this amendment.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37

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C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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